



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Docket Number

11005254

Ms. Janice Dunn Lee  
Director, International Programs  
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Rockville, Maryland

Dear Ms. Lee:

I refer to the letter from your office dated February 9, 2001 requesting the views of the Executive Branch as to whether issuance of an export license in accordance with the application hereinafter described meets the applicable criteria of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended:

NRC No. XCOM1142 -- Application by Westinghouse Savannah River Company for authorization to export to Japan three controlled-potential coulometers including cell assemblies and replacement parts with a total value of ~~\$350,000~~ <sup>\$500,000.00 \*</sup> for use by the Japan Nuclear Fuel Limited's Rokkasho Reprocessing Plant for material accountancy plutonium measurements. The coulometers will be installed at Rokkasho by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (MHI) following initial assembly and testing at MHI's Nuclear Fuel Reprocessing Plant Engineering Section Kobe Shipyard and Machinery Works.

It is the judgment of the Executive Branch that the proposed export will not be inimical to the common defense and security of the United States, and is consistent with the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

As a party to the NPT, Japan has committed itself to maintain IAEA safeguards on all of its peaceful nuclear activities and has pledged not to manufacture or otherwise acquire any nuclear explosive device. It is therefore the judgment of the Executive Branch that criteria (1) and (2) for exports of nuclear components, substances and items under Section 109b of the Atomic Energy Act, as amended, are met. The remaining criterion, agreement not to retransfer any U.S.-supplied component or material without prior U.S. consent, has been satisfied by letters from the Embassy of Japan dated October 5, 1978 and February 28, 1979, the subject of previous correspondence on nuclear component exports to Japan.

On the basis of the foregoing, the Executive Branch recommends that the license be issued.

\* Corrected to \$500,000.00.  
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Sincerely,

Richard J. K. Stratford  
Director  
Nuclear Energy Affairs

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